

Livestock Slaughter - 2002

Red meat production in commercial plants and on farms for the United States totaled 47.3 billion pounds in 2002, a new record high. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 47.2 billion pounds.

There were 879 slaughtering plants under federal inspection on January 1, 2003, compared with 881 last year.

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Species	Wisconsin	Change from 2001	U.S.	Change from 2001
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	1,665.3	n.c.	35,734.6	+1
Cows, dairy 2/	669.1	-7	2,606.9	+1
Cows, other 2/	214.0	+10	3,050.9	-1
Heifers 2/	54.0	+8	11,342.0	n.c.
Steers 2/	657.8	+6	17,522.5	+2
Calves	148.3	+9	1,045.4	+4
Hogs, all	462.5	+3	100,262.6	+2
Sows 2/	381.6	+1	3,184.9	+6
Sheep and lambs	13.5	+12	3,286.3	+2

1/Excludes farm slaughter. 2/Federally inspected only. Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.